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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Authorities can't be held in contempt for suicide

"The Michigan Supreme Court has determined that the Kent County Sheriff's Department can't be held in contempt for failing to prevent a suicide. Stephen Bradley fatally shot himself in 2004, despite a court order days earlier that directed deputies to pick him up before he harmed himself or others. The Sheriff's Department didn't follow the order."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Authorities can't be held in contempt for suicide

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in WWMT-TV (3)/Kalamazoo and WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing.

Grand Rapids Press: Michigan Supreme Court: Kent County Sheriff's Department not liable for damages from 2004 suicide

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Federal lawsuit tossed against embattled Wayne Co. Judge McCree

"A lawsuit against embattled Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wade McCree was tossed Friday by a federal judge. U.S. District Court Judge Avern Cohn dismissed the lawsuit brought against McCree and Geniene La'Shay Mott by Robert King, the father of a child he has with Mott, who also is McCree's former mistress."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Judge tosses federal lawsuit against McCree

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: McCree immune from federal lawsuit, judge rules

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Four from Michigan, two others nominated as federal judges

"President Barack Obama nominated six judges, four in Michigan, to serve on the United States District Court. The nominees for the Eastern District of Michigan are: ... Linda Vivienne Parker, a judge in the Third Circuit Court in Detroit since December 2008. She was previously the director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Obama names four Michigan residents to federal bench

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Obama nominates 4 to serve at judges in Michigan

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, Crain's Detroit Business, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

The MiLW Blog: Obama nominates 4 for District Court

[Full story](#)

The Daily Press/Escanaba: Courthouse, building and zoning department employees adjust

"Two new Delta County Courthouse employees are filling their new positions quite well. Emily DeSalvo is the new 94th District Court administrator/magistrate and started her new position April 13, filling the spot of former administrator/magistrate Tammy George."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Schmucker to receive Access to Justice Award

"The Michigan State Bar Foundation Trustees has unanimously selected Hon. Chad C. Schmucker for the Foundation's 2013 Access to Justice Award. The award, which will be presented Sept. 18 during the State Bar's annual meeting in Lansing, honors an individual who has significantly advanced access to justice for the poor in Michigan."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jackson Citizen Patriot: State bar foundation awards State Court Administrator, former Circuit Judge Chad Schmucker

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Chad Schmucker Is 2013 Michigan State Bar Foundation Access To Justice Award Recipient

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Life decision: Flint judge to hold first-of-its-kind sentencing hearing following Supreme Court's juvenile lifer ruling

"A Genesee Circuit judge will hold a first-of-its-kind sentencing hearing that a legal expert says could set the groundwork for how courts across the state interpret a landmark United States Supreme Court decision declaring mandatory life sentences without parole for juveniles unconstitutional. Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman is scheduled to begin a sentencing hearing Friday, July 26, for Juwan Wickware."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Genesee judge set to make first-of-a-kind ruling that will provide roadmap to other courts

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Woman gets sick on witness stand at Chesterfield Township courthouse

"A court hearing was abruptly adjourned Thursday afternoon when a woman testifying against her ex-boyfriend in an attempted murder case became ill on the witness stand.... Judge William Hackel stopped the proceedings and allowed [Charlotte] Ventimiglia to leave the courthouse."

[Full story](#)

The Mining Journal/Marquette: Space exploration: County committee still working on building use recommendations

"From the future of the Ishpeming branch of the Marquette County District Court to continued operation of the Marquette County Youth Home and overcrowding at the Marquette County Jail, recommendations due from a space needs study group on these and other issues have been delayed, perhaps until the end of the year."

[Full story](#)

The Mining Journal/Marquette: High court has good ideas about cutting state positions

The editorial states "A report from the state Supreme Court recommends cutting eight positions; the Legislature should do just that. Taxpayers should not pay for more government than they need. The statement applies to every level and every branch of government, from local and county to state and federal."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan 'dangerous animal' law requires intent, appeals court rules in split decision

"A Michigan law that makes it a felony to own a 'dangerous animal' that attacks someone was clarified by a Michigan Court of Appeals panel Thursday – favoring the pet owner. The court ruled that prosecutors must prove the owner was aware of the danger - and therefore had criminal intent – to be charged with a felony, the panel ruled in a split decision."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Graduates honored at ceremony

"On Wednesday, July 10, the Oakland County Adult Treatment Court (ATC) conducted its 35th graduation since its inception in August of 2001. The 138th through the 145th graduates were honored with a ceremony and reception held in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium at the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Pilot program helps in settling landlord disputes

"Larry Socie is sitting in a downtown corner office in the United Way building in downtown Jackson, Mich. It's not unlike the rooms in which Socie works as a volunteer mediator for a landlord-tenant dispute resolution pilot program run out of Jackson County 12th District Court Judge Darryl Mazur's courtroom."

[Full story](#)